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Mainstreaming biodiversity into the management of the coastal zone in the Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius (RM) is a small island state with a total land surface of 2,040 km², encompassing the main island of Mauritius (1,865 km²), and Rodrigues (109 km²) – both of which are covered by the project – and the outer islands which are not addressed by the project.

The coastal zones and inshore waters of Mauritius and Rodrigues islands are of vital importance for socio-economic development; protecting the island from the natural forces of the ocean; providing income through tourism and fisheries; and as the focus of many leisure and other activities.

Intense pressure from sea and land-based activities threatens to undermine the full socio-economic potential of the country, and the government's long-term goal of creating a sustainable ocean economy.

OUR APPROACH



If Environmentally Sensitive Areas are managed in a sustainable way

then The anthropogenic pressures in areas that are rich in biodiversity and that provide essential ecosystem services will be reduced

resulting in The achievement of a sustainable ocean economy for the country

Budget 2020 **USD 1,260,000**
 Total **USD 4,664,000**

Period **2016 – 2021**



QUICK FACTS



High marine diversity with about **1,656 species** in **290 families** recorded from inshore waters



In 2013, Mauritius ranked 18th in the world in terms of population density with **644 inhabitants per km²**.



With over **1 million visitors each year**, the anthropogenic pressures on the coastal zone is increased.

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OBJECTIVE

The project seeks to mainstream the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services into coastal zone management and into operations and policies of the tourism and physical development sectors in Mauritius.



IMPLEMENTATION

This project is implemented by the Government of Mauritius in partnership with UNDP.



KEY RESULTS

- Installation of GIS Unit in SEMPA, Rodrigues;
- Production of coastal and marine ESAs maps;
- Production of a Coastal Atlas for Mauritius and Rodrigues
- Developing ICZM plans for Black River district and Rodrigues, using the ridge-to-reef concept.



PARTNERS

- Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping;
- Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity
- Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change.
- Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security;
- Ministry of Tourism;
- Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

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